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The planet Mobius was like a paradise with the benevolent King Acorn as its ruler... until the coming of the evil Dr. Ivo Robotnik. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet... SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Robotnik had banished King Acorn into the mysterious Zone of Silence. There he remained until recently rescued by Sonic, Princess Sally Acorn and Geoffrey St. John, leader of the Rebel Underground. Having saved the king, the Freedom Fighters look forward to setting things straight again.

But things are not always what they seem...

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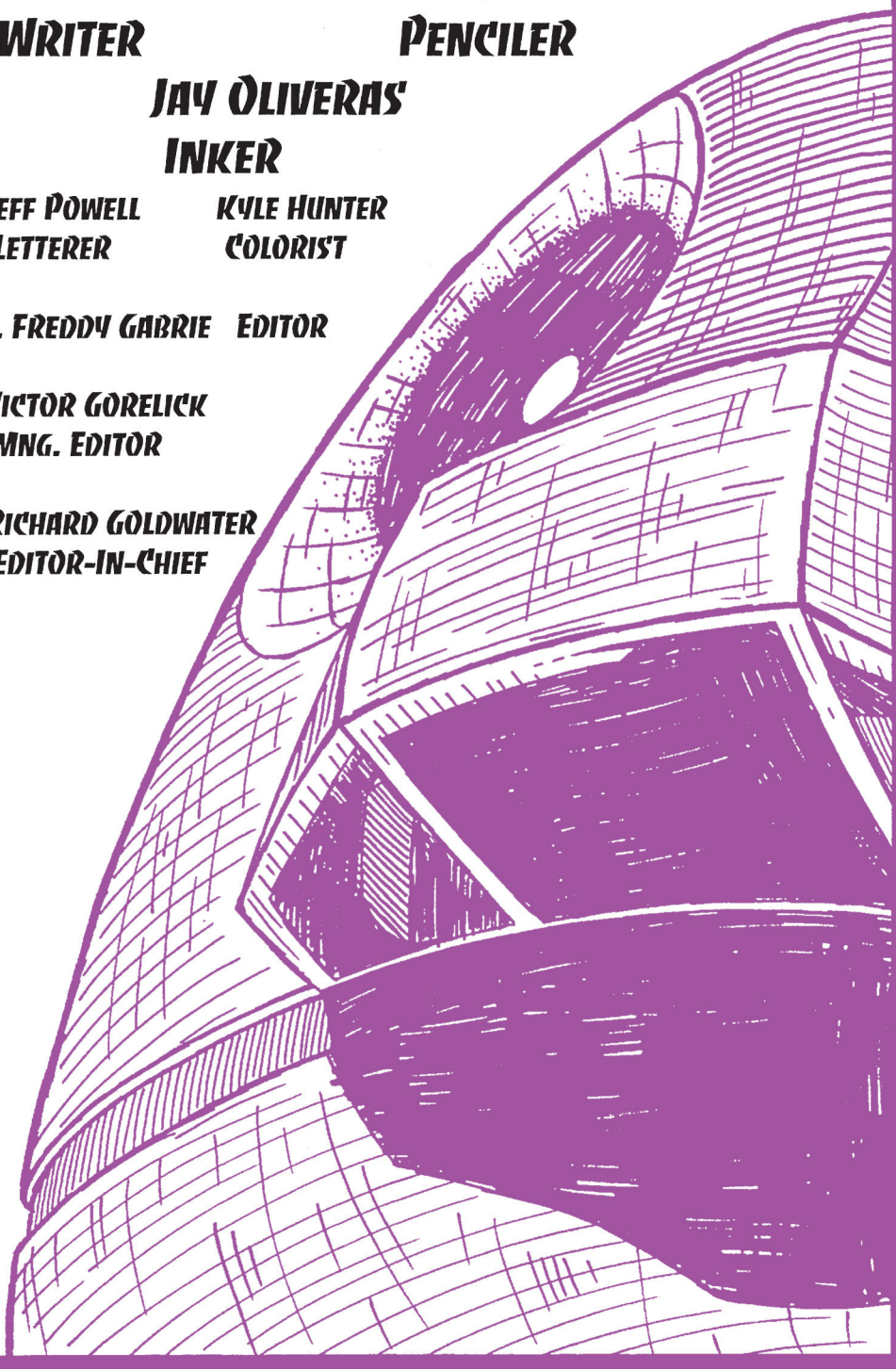

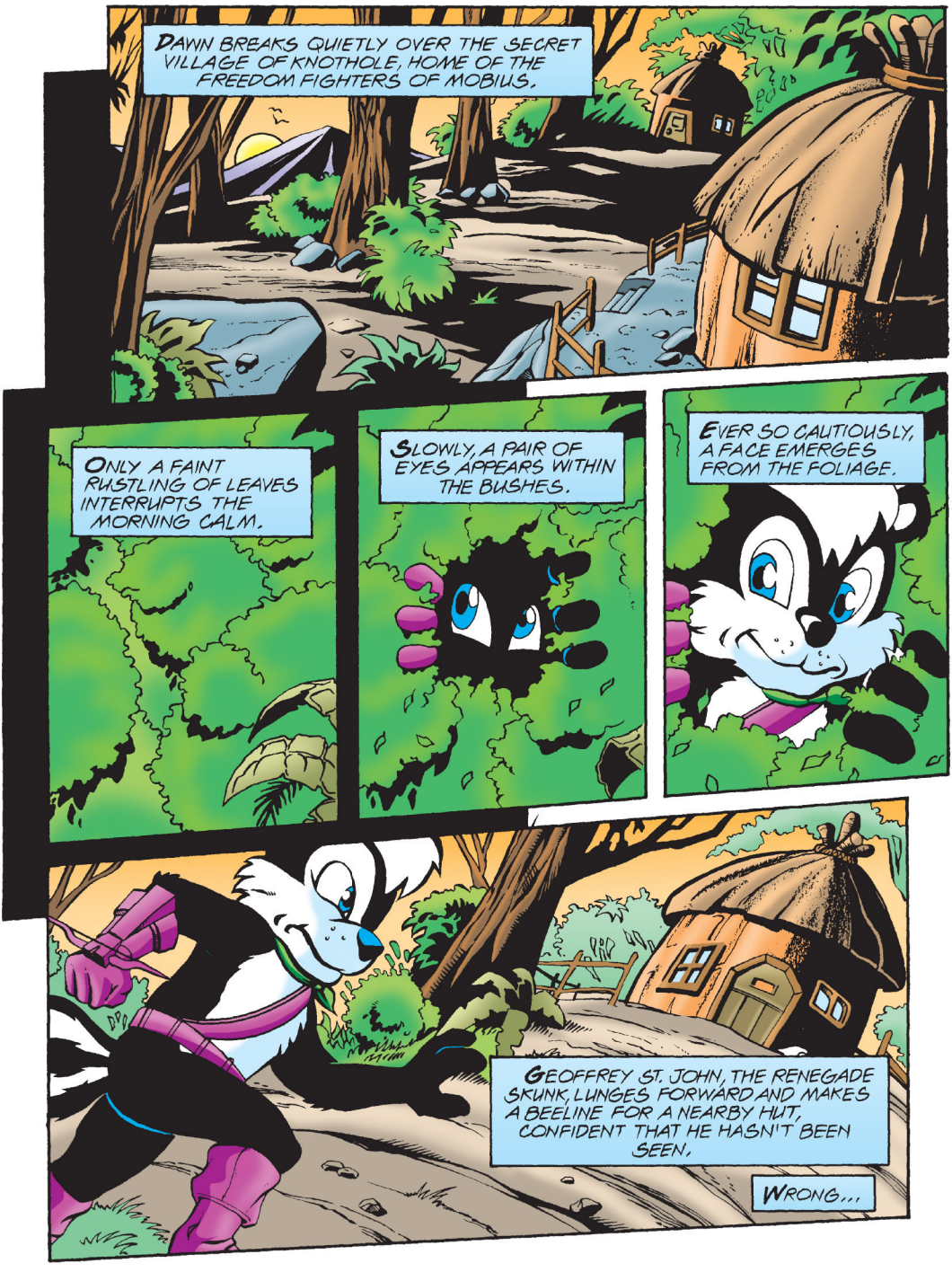
DAWN BREAKS QUIETLY OVER THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, HOME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOBIUS.
ONLY A FAINT RUSTLING OF LEAVES INTERRUPTS THE MORNING CALM.
SLOWLY, A PAIR OF EYES APPEARS WITHIN THE BUSHES.
EVER SO CAUTIOUSLY, A FACE EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE RENEGADE SKUNK, LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR A NEARBY HUT, CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN.
WRONG...

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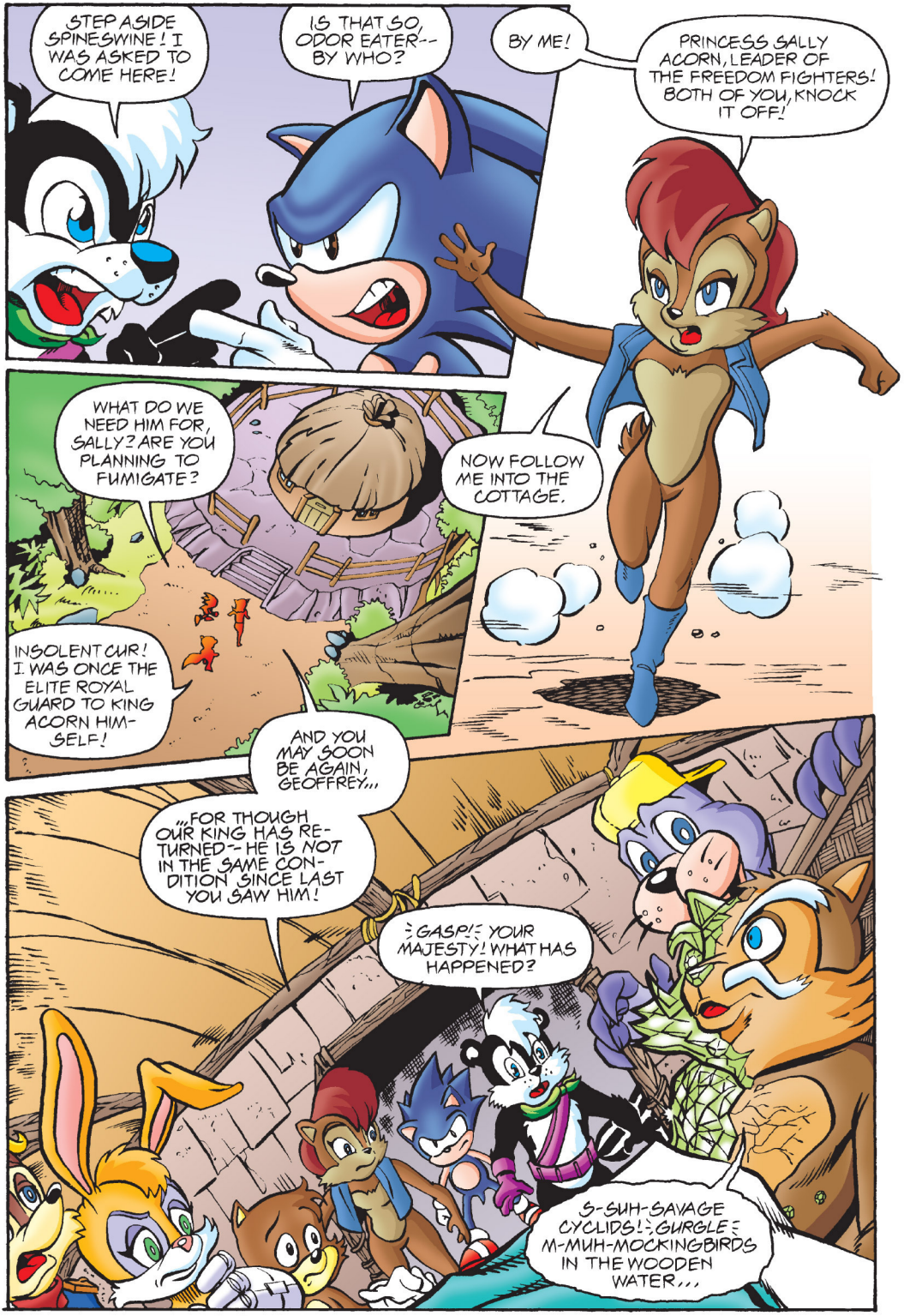
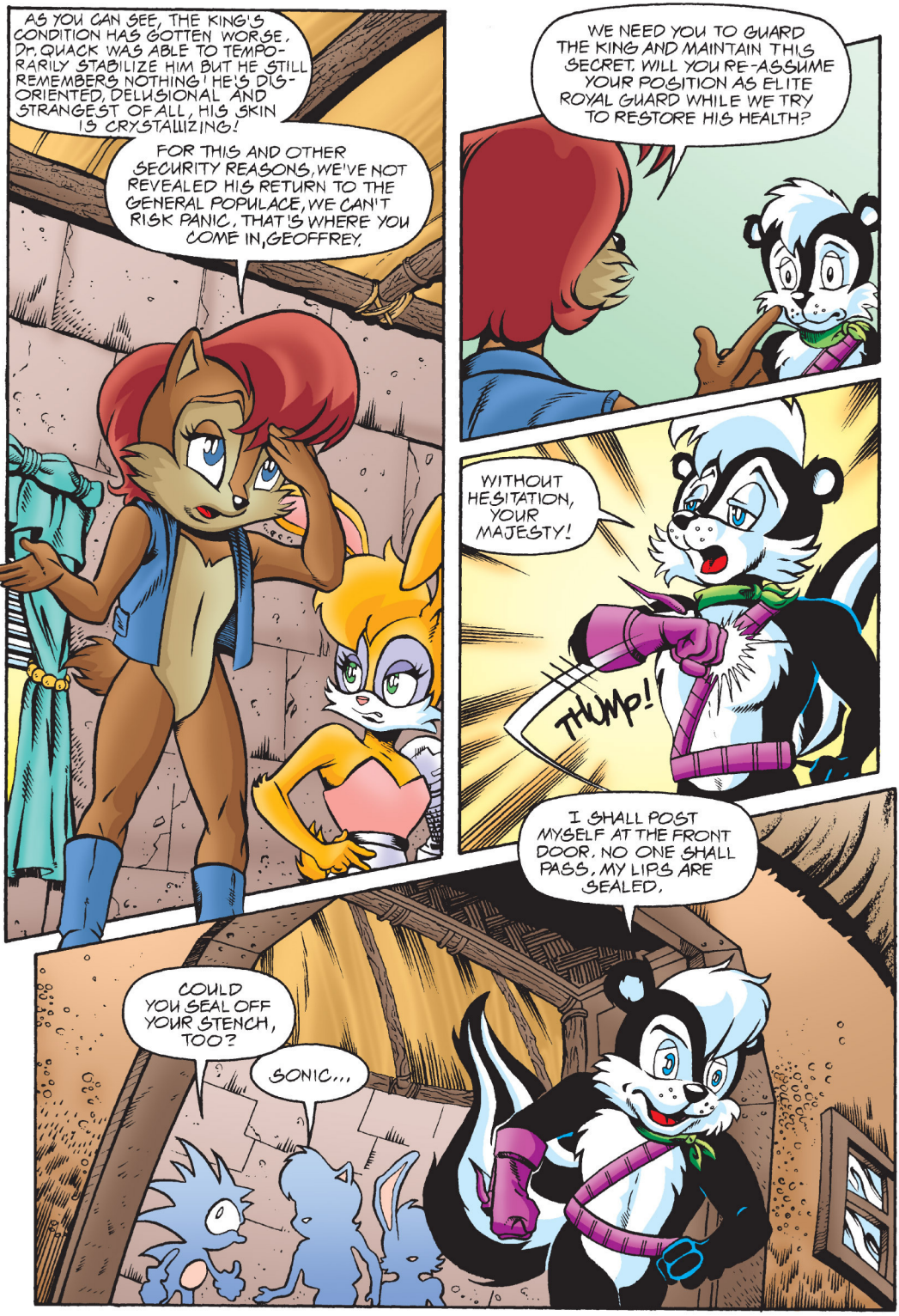
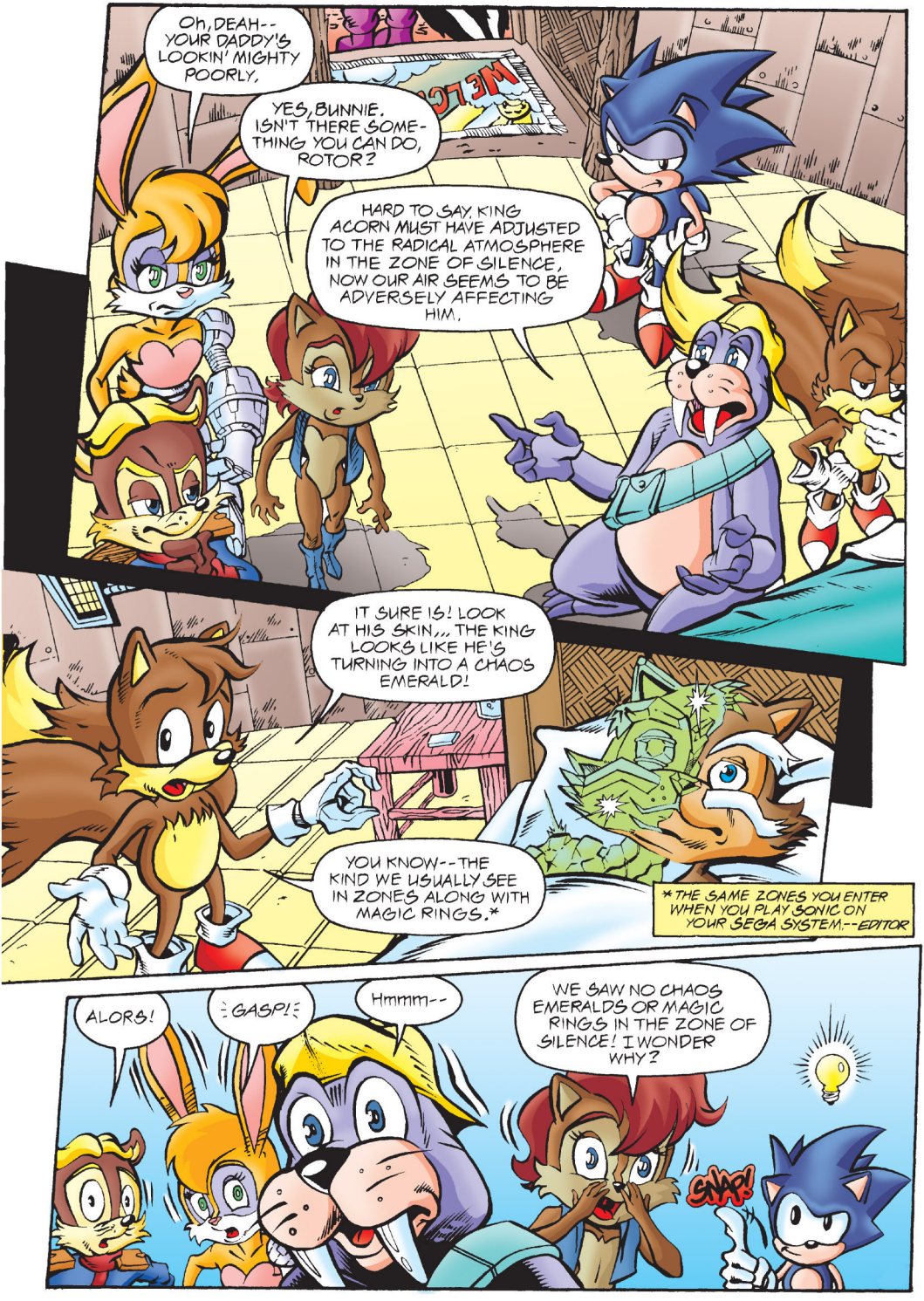
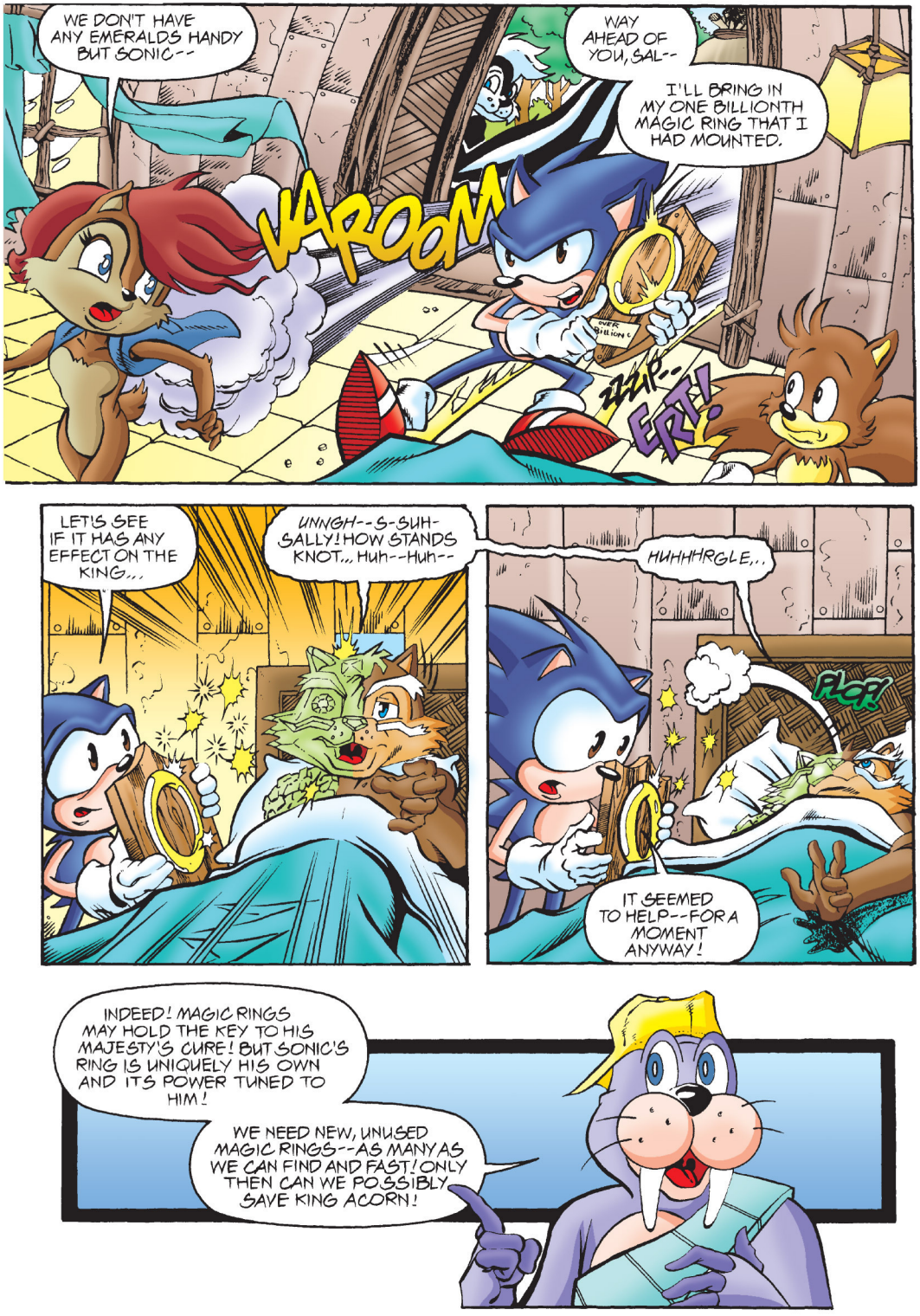

STEP ASIDE SPINESWINE! I WAS ASKED TO COME HERE!
IS THAT SO, ODOR EATER-- BY WHO?
BY ME!
PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! BOTH OF YOU, KNOCK IT OFF!
NOW FOLLOW ME INTO THE COTTAGE.
WHAT DO WE NEED HIM FOR, SALLY? ARE YOU PLANNING TO FUMIGATE?
INSOLENT CUR! I WAS ONCE THE ELITE ROYAL GUARD TO KING ACORN HIMSELF!
AND YOU MAY SOON BE AGAIN, GEOFFREY...
"...FOR THOUGH OUR KING HAS RETURNED-- HE IS NOT IN THE SAME CONDITION SINCE LAST YOU SAW HIM!
=GASP!= YOUR MAJESTY! WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
S-SUH-SAVAGE CYCLIDS! =GURGLE= M-MUH-MOCKINGBIRDS IN THE WOODEN WATER...

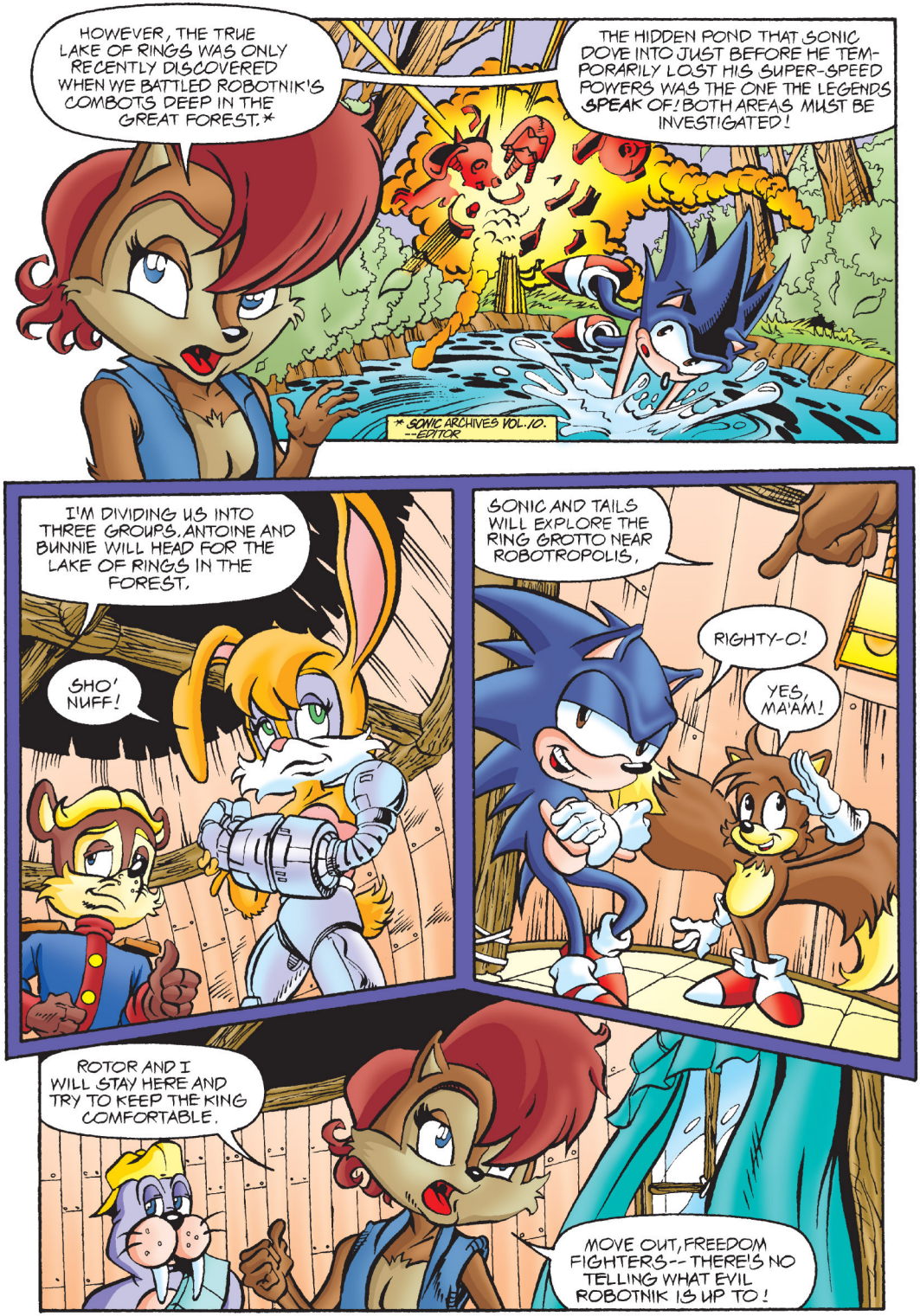
Oh, GEOFFREY! SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED AROUND HERE, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN...
"THE EVIL IVO ROBOTNIK MANAGED TO ROBOTICIZE OUR PREMIER FREEDOM FIGHTER INTO MECHA-SONIC!
"MOST OF KNOTHOLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND. SONIC WAS COURT-MARTIALED, BUT EVENTUALLY CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES. RECONSTRUCTION GOT UNDER WAY.
GUILTY
YUP!
"NOT LONG BEFORE THAT, A VICIOUS EARTHQUAKE STRUCK ROBOTROPOLIS DURING A RAID. WE BARELY ESCAPED.
"AND ALL THIS BEFORE YOU, ME AND SONIC RECOVERED MY FATHER KING ACORN FROM THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHERE HE WAS BEING HELD CAPTIVE!"*
"RECAPPING EVENTS FROM SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10+11 AND SONIC SELECT VOL. 2."

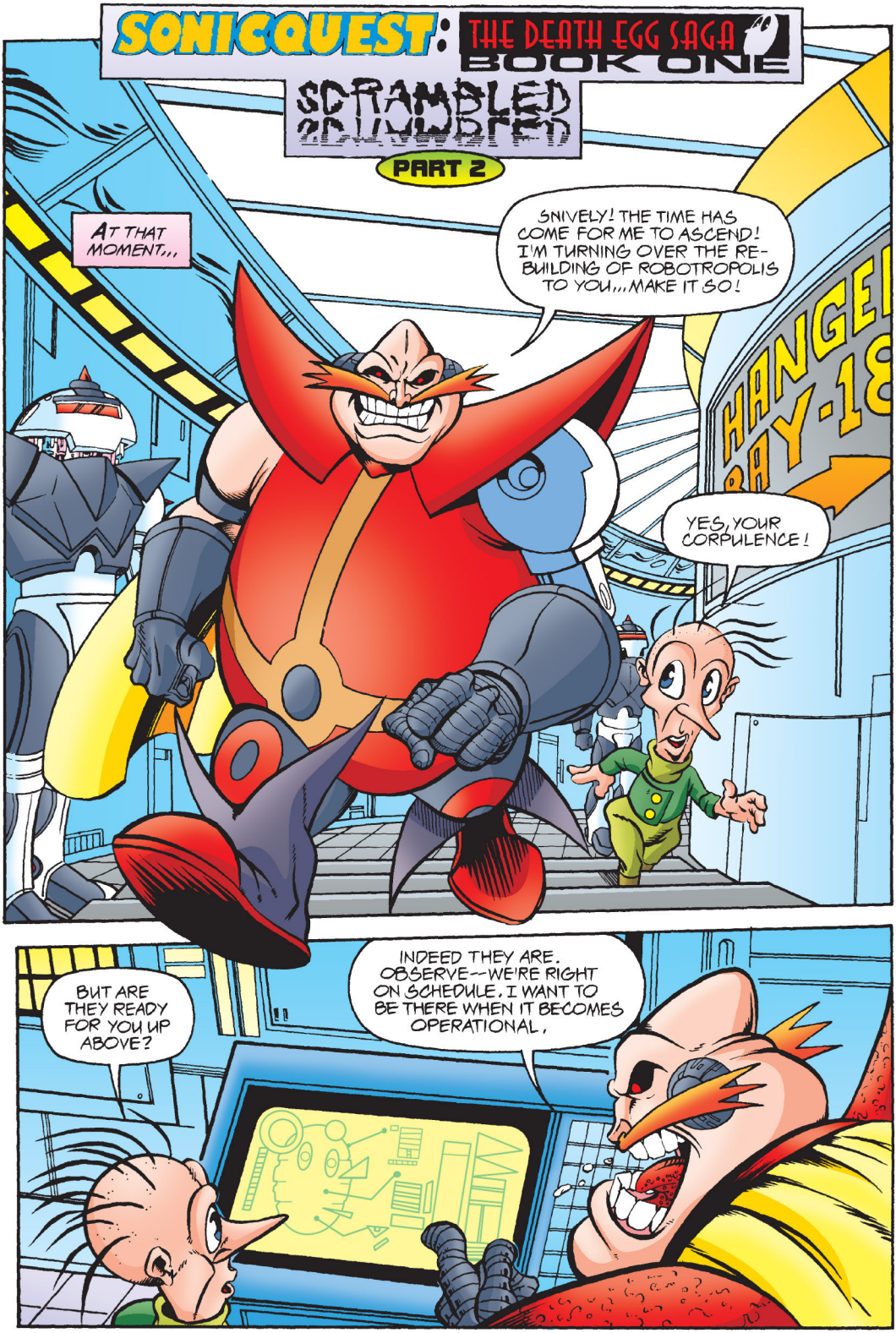

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE KING'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE. Dr. QUACK WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY STABILIZE HIM BUT HE STILL REMEMBERS NOTHING! HE'S DISORIENTED, DELUSIONAL AND STRANGEST OF ALL, HIS SKIN IS CRYSTALLIZING!
FOR THIS AND OTHER SECURITY REASONS, WE'VE NOT REVEALED HIS RETURN TO THE GENERAL POPULACE, WE CAN'T RISK PANIC, THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, GEOFFREY.
WE NEED YOU TO GUARD THE KING AND MAINTAIN THIS SECRET. WILL YOU RE-ASSUME YOUR POSITION AS ELITE ROYAL GUARD WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH?
WITHOUT HESITATION, YOUR MAJESTY!
THUMP!
I SHALL POST MYSELF AT THE FRONT DOOR. NO ONE SHALL PASS, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.
COULD YOU SEAL OFF YOUR STENCH, TOO?
SONIC...


Oh, DEAH-- YOUR DADDY'S LOOKIN' MIGHTY POORLY.
YES, BUNNIE. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO, ROTOR?
HARD TO SAY. KING ACORN MUST HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE RADICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE, NOW OUR AIR SEEMS TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTING HIM.
IT SURE IS! LOOK AT HIS SKIN... THE KING LOOKS LIKE HE'S TURNING INTO A CHAOS EMERALD!
YOU KNOW--THE KIND WE USUALLY SEE IN ZONES ALONG WITH MAGIC RINGS.*
*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SONIC ON YOUR SEGA SYSTEM.--EDITOR
ALORS!
:GASP!:
Hmmm--
WE SAW NO CHAOS EMERALDS OR MAGIC RINGS IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE! I WONDER WHY?
SNAP!


WE DON'T HAVE ANY EMERALDS HANDY BUT SONIC--
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, SAL--
I'LL BRING IN MY ONE BILLIONTH MAGIC RING THAT I HAD MOUNTED.
VAROOM
ZZZP--
ERT!
LET'S SEE IF IT HAS ANY EFFECT ON THE KING...
UNNGH--S-SUH-SALLY! HOW STANDS KNOT... Huh--Huh--
MUHHHRGLE...
FLOP
IT SEEMED TO HELP--FOR A MOMENT ANYWAY!
INDEED! MAGIC RINGS MAY HOLD THE KEY TO HIS MAJESTY'S CURE! BUT SONIC'S RING IS UNIQUELY HIS OWN AND ITS POWER TUNED TO HIM!
WE NEED NEW, UNUSED MAGIC RINGS--AS MANY AS WE CAN FIND AND FAST! ONLY THEN CAN WE POSSIBLY SAVE KING ACORN!

HOW ARE WE-ALL GONNA DO THAT? IT TAKES TIME TO SEARCH THOSE DANGEROUS ZONES AND COLLECT MAGIC RINGS! WE COULD WIND UP IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THE KING!
NOT NECESSARILY, BUNNIE. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE RINGS CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ENTERING A ZONE...
GOSH, SALLY! DO YOU MEAN THE "LAKE OF RINGS"? LEGENDS SAY THOSE WATERS BUBBLE WITH MYSTICAL GOLD BANDS!
YES AND NO, TAILS, YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE POWER RING GROTTO BORDERING ROBOTROPOLIS --A PUTRID LITTLE POND WHERE SONIC AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TANGLED NOT TOO LONG AGO.*
BUT, THEIR EPIC BATTLE MAY HAVE PERMANENTLY SEALED THE GROTTO'S SUBTERRANEAN RING SOURCE--NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET.
*SEE SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC SEVECT VOL. 2 ! -EDITOR'


HOWEVER, THE TRUE LAKE OF RINGS WAS ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED WHEN WE BATTLED ROBOTNIK'S COMBOTS DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST.*
THE HIDDEN POND THAT SONIC DOVE INTO JUST BEFORE HE TEMPORARILY LOST HIS SUPER-SPEED POWERS WAS THE ONE THE LEGENDS SPEAK OF! BOTH AREAS MUST BE INVESTIGATED!
* SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.10. --EDITOR
I'M DIVIDING US INTO THREE GROUPS. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HEAD FOR THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE FOREST.
SHO' NUFF!
SONIC AND TAILS WILL EXPLORE THE RING GROTTO NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS.
RIGHTY-O!
YES, MA'AM!
ROTOR AND I WILL STAY HERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE KING COMFORTABLE.
MOVE OUT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EVIL ROBOTNIK IS UP TO!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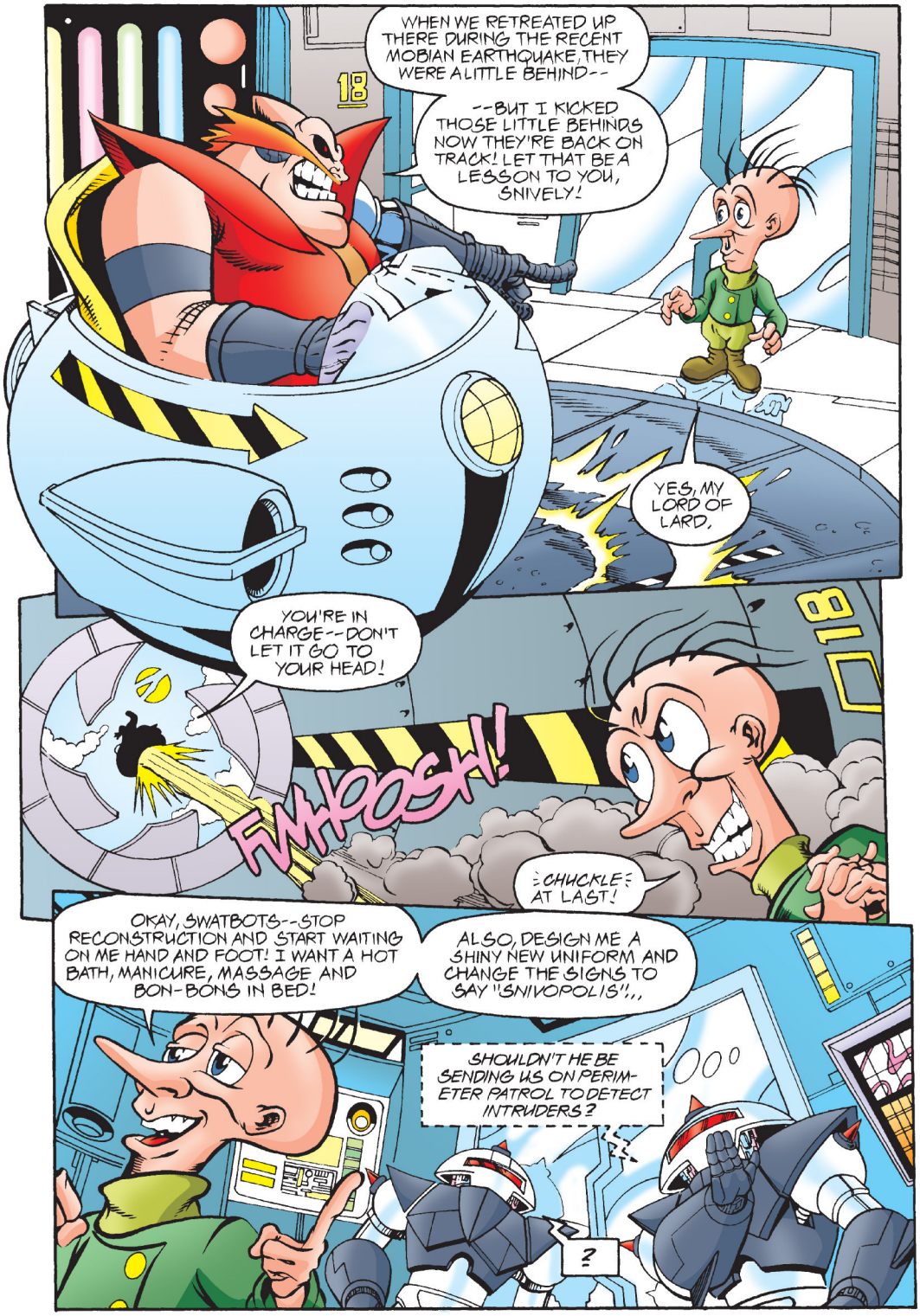
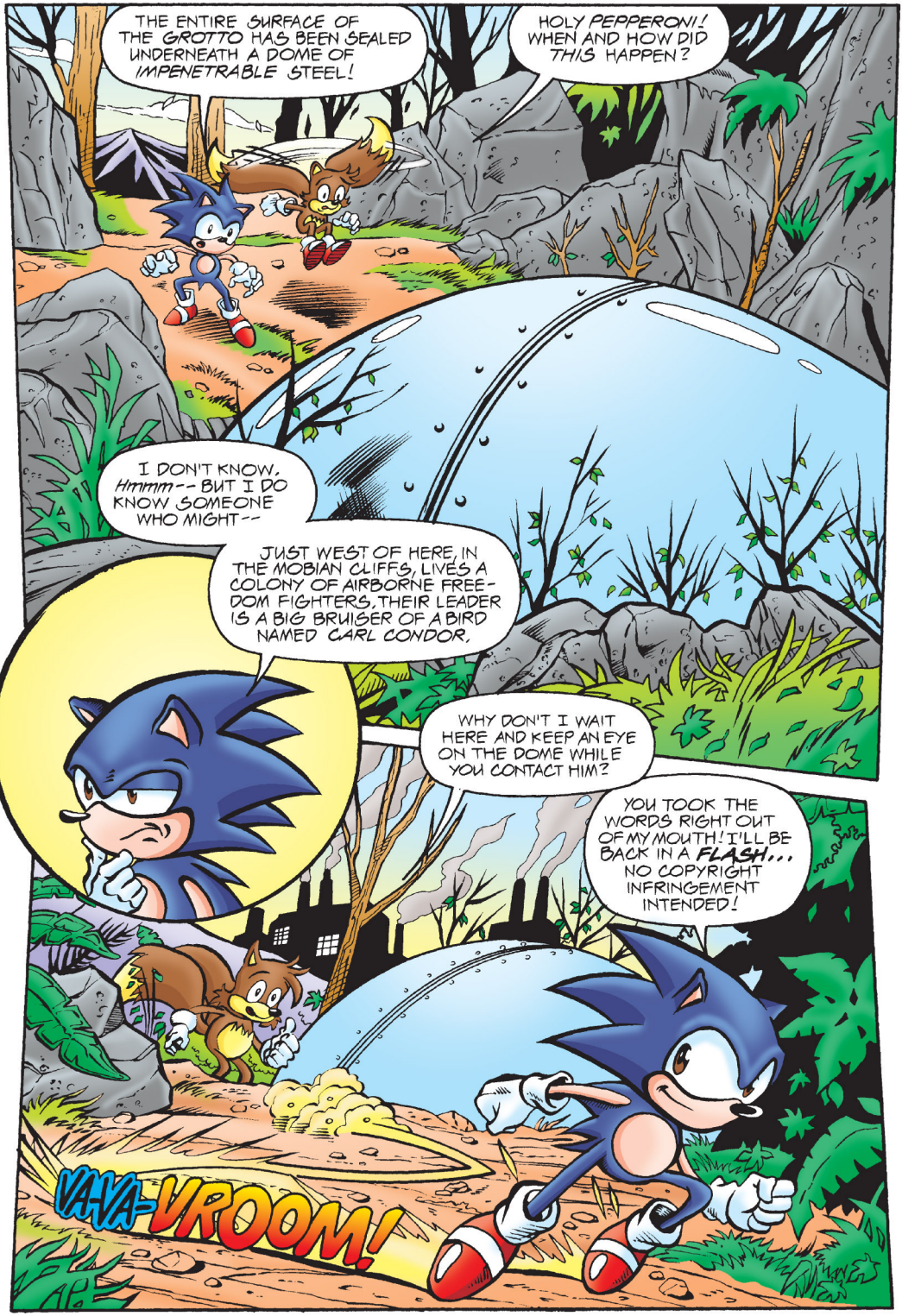
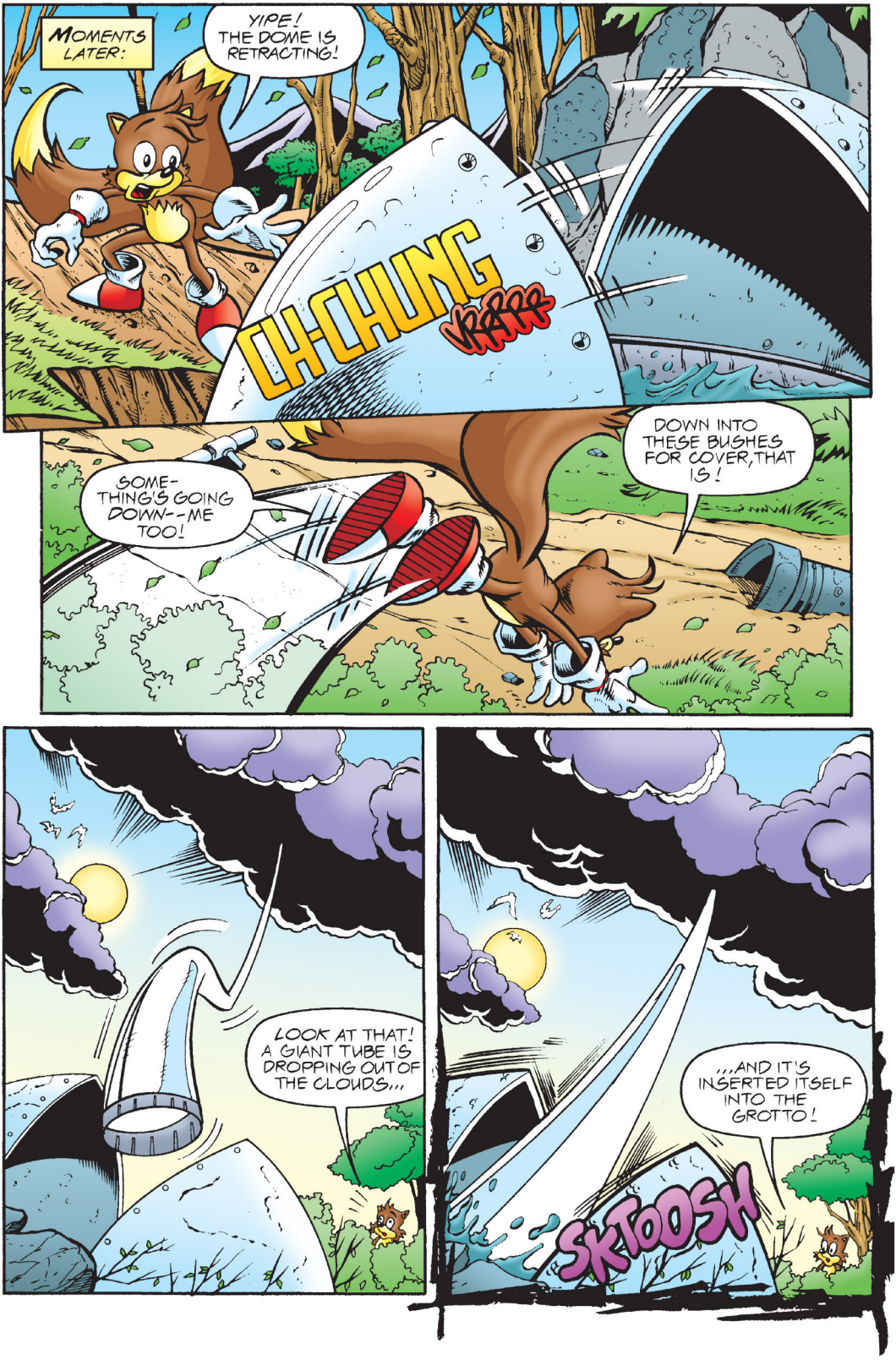
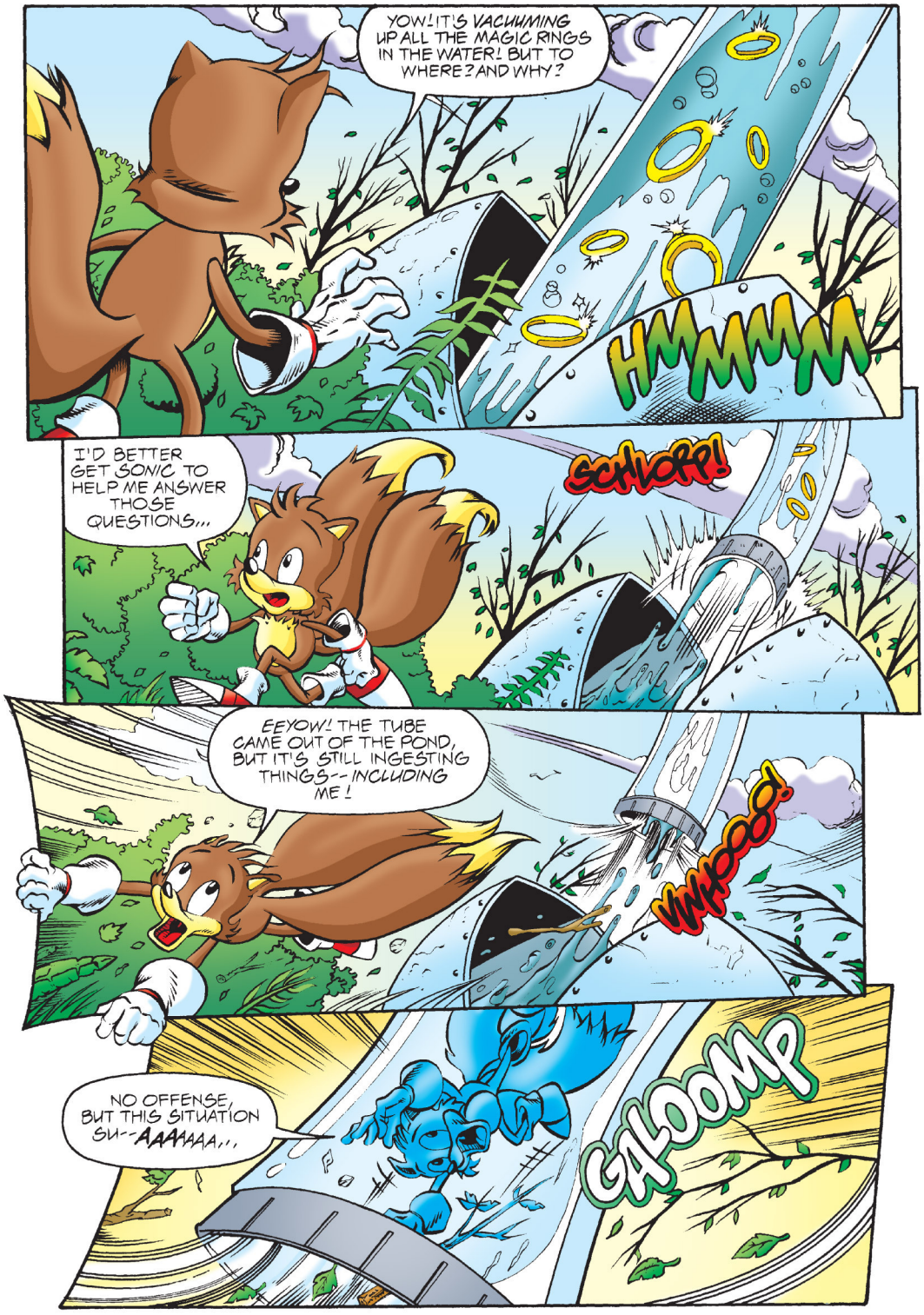
SCRAMBLED
PART 2
AT THAT MOMENT...
SNIVELY! THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO ASCEND! I'M TURNING OVER THE RE-BUILDING OF ROBOTROPOLIS TO YOU...MAKE IT SO!
YES, YOUR CORPULENCE!
BUT ARE THEY READY FOR YOU UP ABOVE?
INDEED THEY ARE. OBSERVE--WE'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE. I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

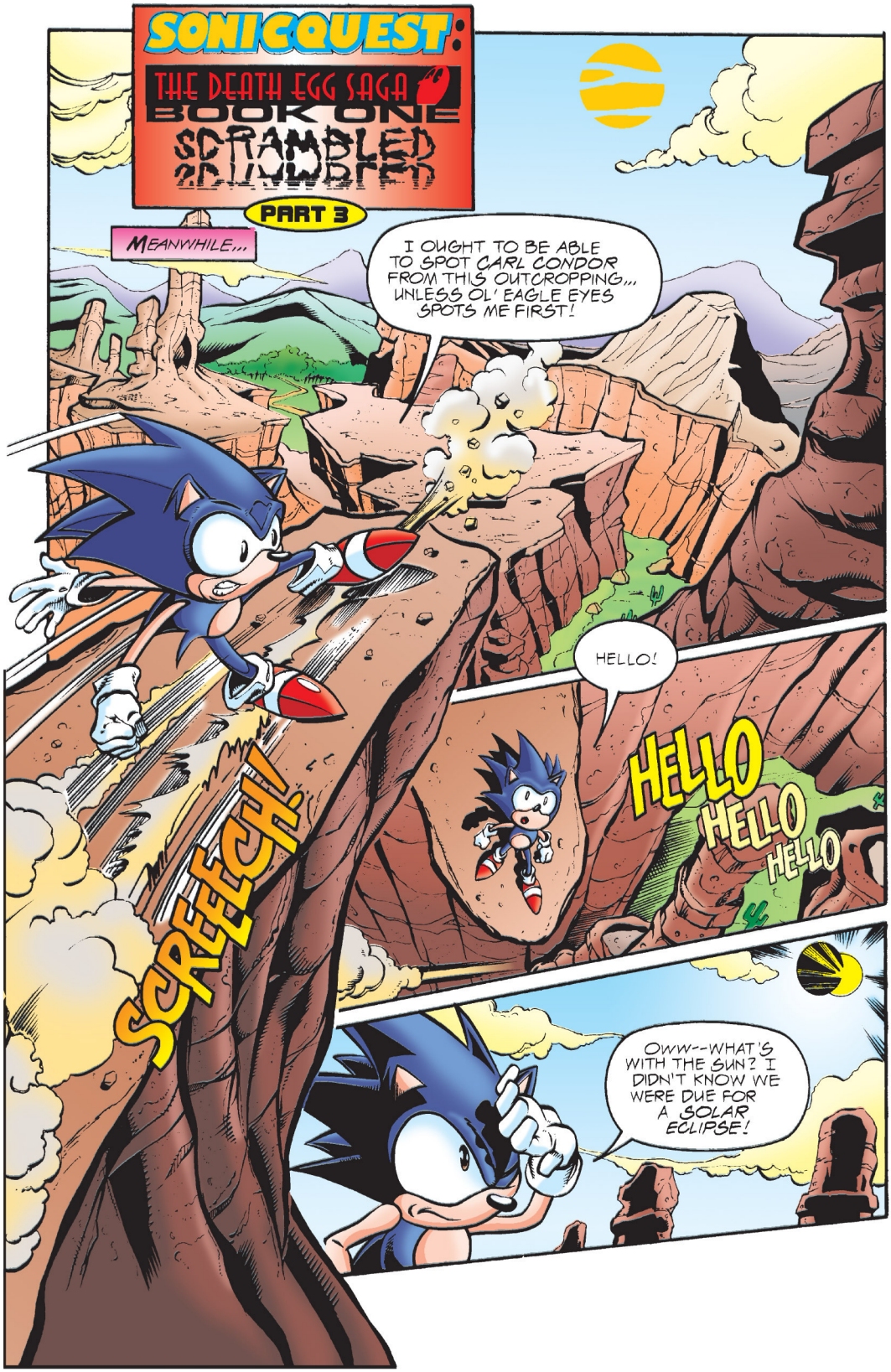

WHEN WE RETREATED UP THERE DURING THE RECENT MOBIAN EARTHQUAKE, THEY WERE A LITTLE BEHIND--
--BUT I KICKED THOSE LITTLE BEHINDS NOW THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, SNIVELY!
YES, MY LORD OF LARD,
YOU'RE IN CHARGE--DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!
FWHOOSH!
:CHUCKLE: AT LAST!
OKAY, SWATBOTS--STOP RECONSTRUCTION AND START WAITING ON ME HAND AND FOOT! I WANT A HOT BATH, MANICURE, MASSAGE AND BON-BONS IN BED!
ALSO, DESIGN ME A SHINY NEW UNIFORM AND CHANGE THE SIGNS TO SAY "SNIVOPOLIS"!,,
SHOULDN'T HE BE SENDING US ON PERIMETER PATROL TO DETECT INTRUDERS?
?

"INTRUDERS LIKE THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG NAMED--"
SONIC! WE'RE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS ...SHOULDN'T WE BE APPROACHING THE POWER RING GROTTO?
TEN-FOUR, LITTLE BUDDY! BUT REMEMBER WHAT SALLY SAID--
AFTER I BECAME SUPER SONIC AND BATTLED HYPER KNUCKLES AROUND HERE, THIS AREA WAS FOREVER CHANGED. ROTOR DOESN'T HAVE ANY CURRENT DATA.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE RECENT MULTIPLE BOMBINGS OF ROBOTROPOLIS REDUCED OUR REMOTE CAMERA TO SLAG--SEE?
SHOOM
SO, WE'D BETTER BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!
YOU CAN SAY THAT A-- GOSH! I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THIS!


THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE GROTTO HAS BEEN SEALED UNDERNEATH A DOME OF IMPENETRABLE STEEL!
HOLY PEPPERONI! WHEN AND HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
I DON'T KNOW. Hmmm-- BUT I DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT--
JUST WEST OF HERE, IN THE MOBIAN CLIFFS, LIVES A COLONY OF AIRBORNE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THEIR LEADER IS A BIG BRUISER OF A BIRD NAMED CARL CONDOR.
WHY DON'T I WAIT HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE DOME WHILE YOU CONTACT HIM?
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH! I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH... NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT INTENDED!
VAVA-VROOM!


MOMENTS LATER:
YIPE! THE DOME IS RETRACTING!
CH-CHUNG
VRRRR
SOME-THING'S GOING DOWN--ME TOO!
DOWN INTO THESE BUSHES FOR COVER, THAT IS!
LOOK AT THAT! A GIANT TUBE IS DROPPING OUT OF THE CLOUDS...
...AND IT'S INSERTED ITSELF INTO THE GROTTO!
SKTOOSH


YOW! IT'S VACUUMING UP ALL THE MAGIC RINGS IN THE WATER! BUT TO WHERE? AND WHY?
HMMMMM
I'D BETTER GET SONIC TO HELP ME ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS...
SCHLORP!
EEYOW! THE TUBE CAME OUT OF THE POND, BUT IT'S STILL INGESTING THINGS--INCLUDING ME!
VWOOOP!
NO OFFENSE, BUT THIS SITUATION SU--AAAAAA...
GALOOMP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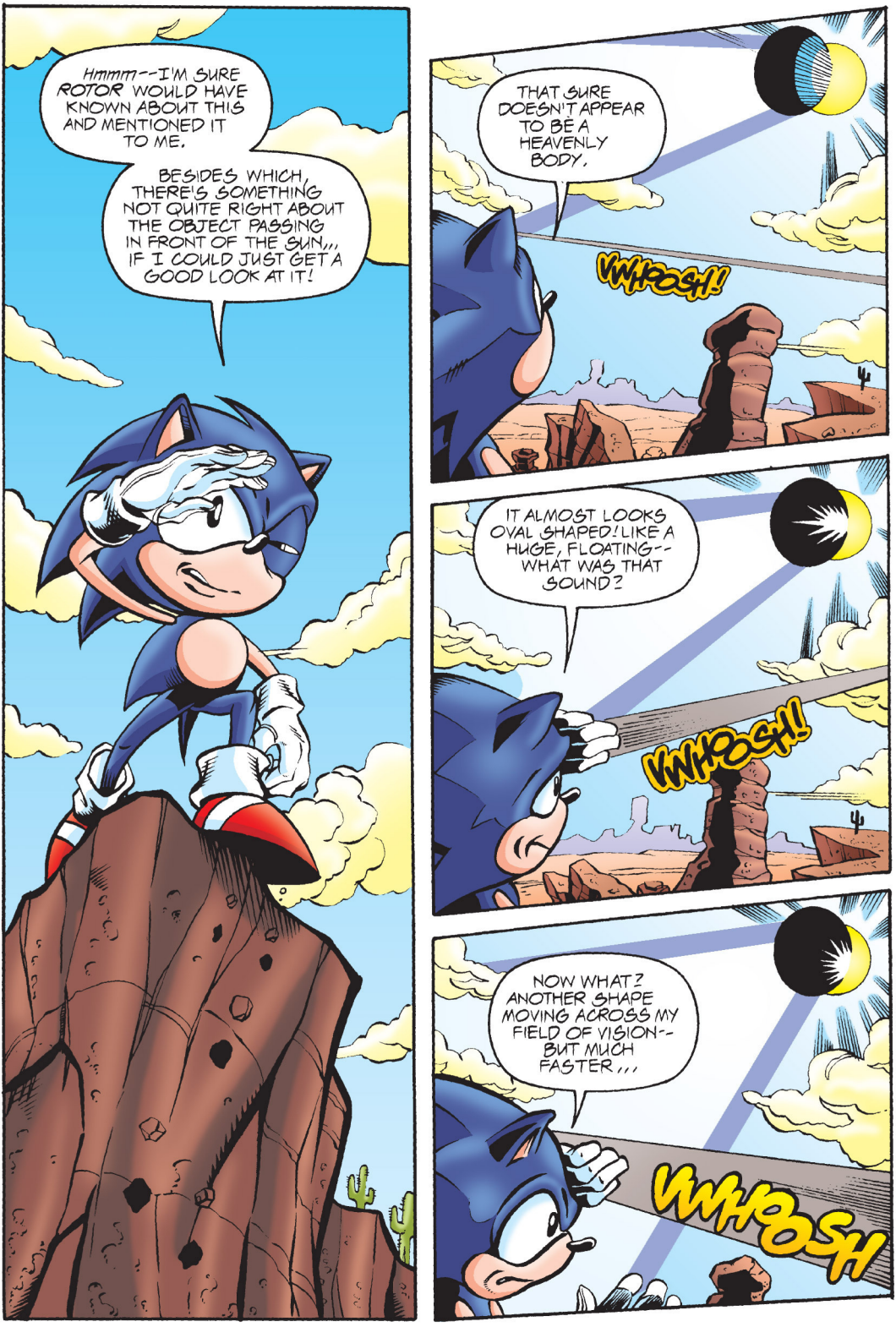
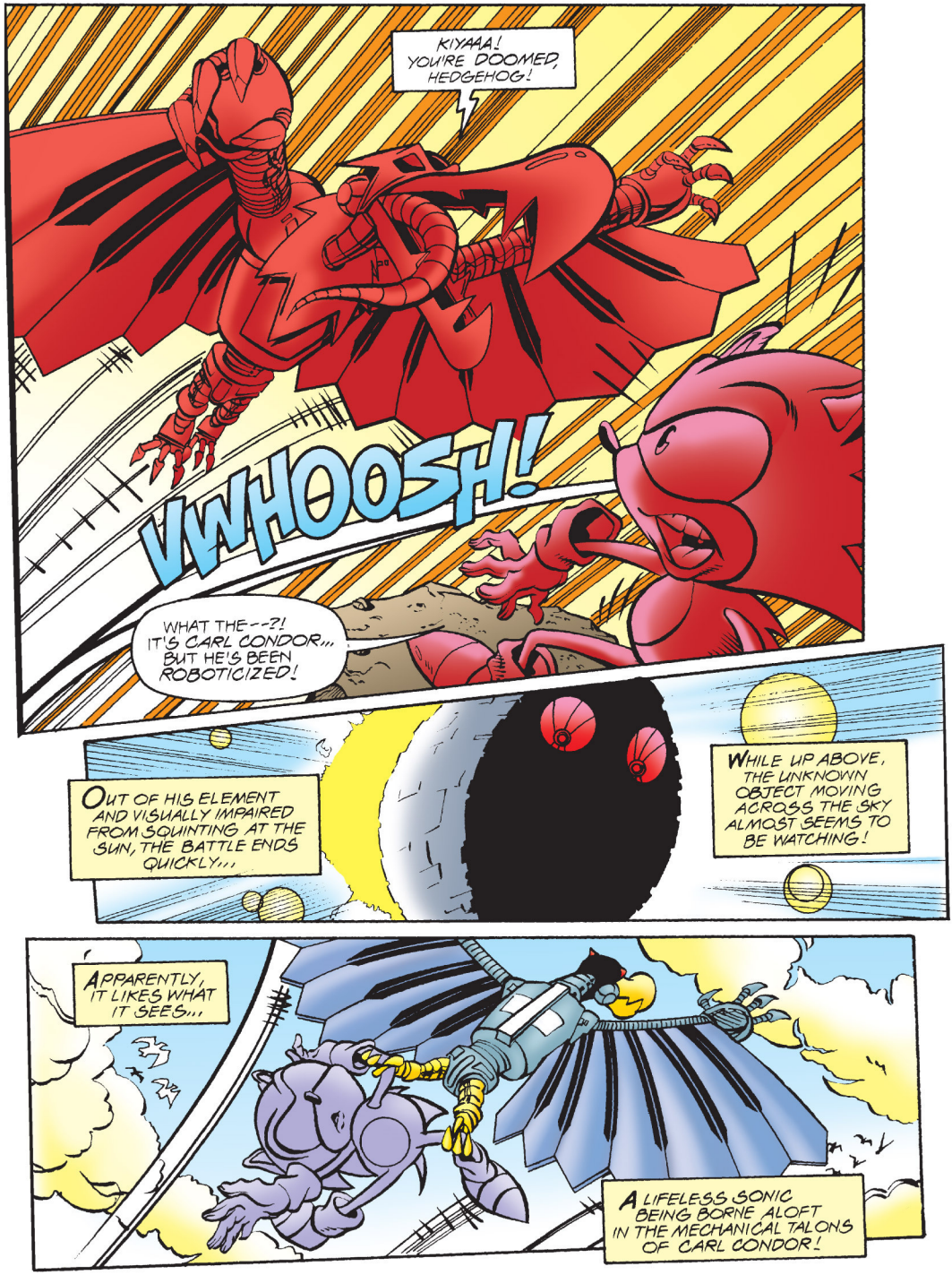
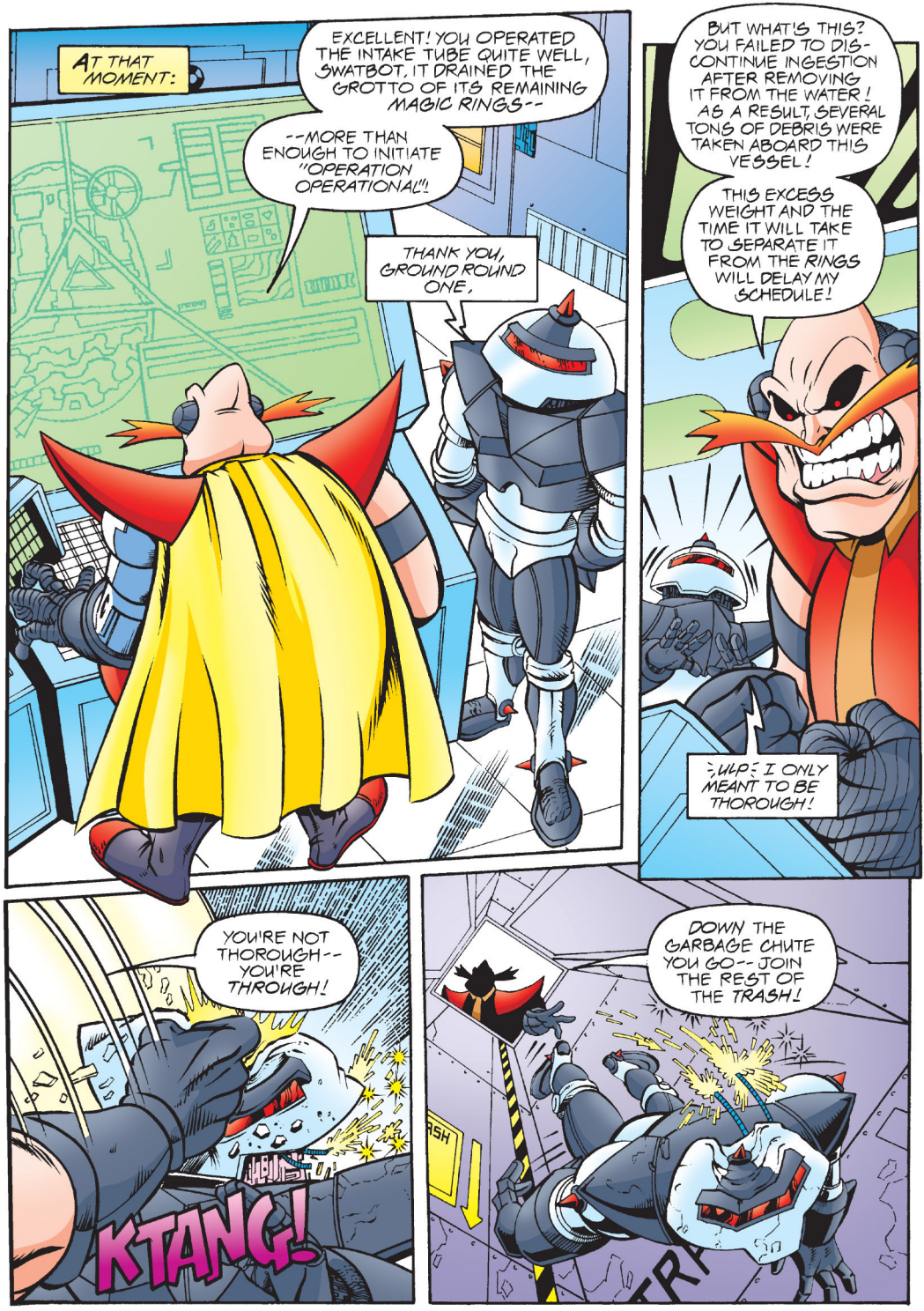
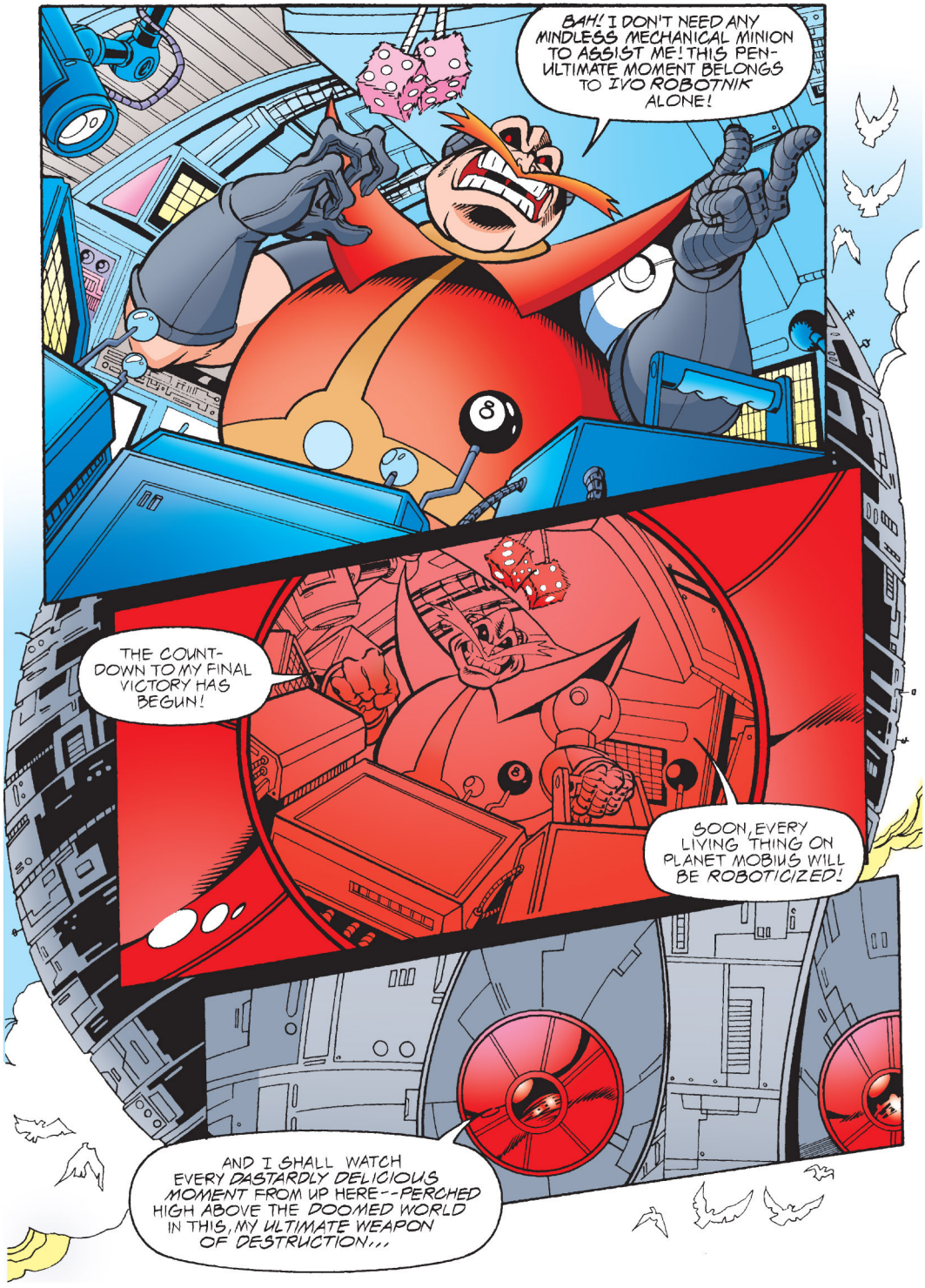
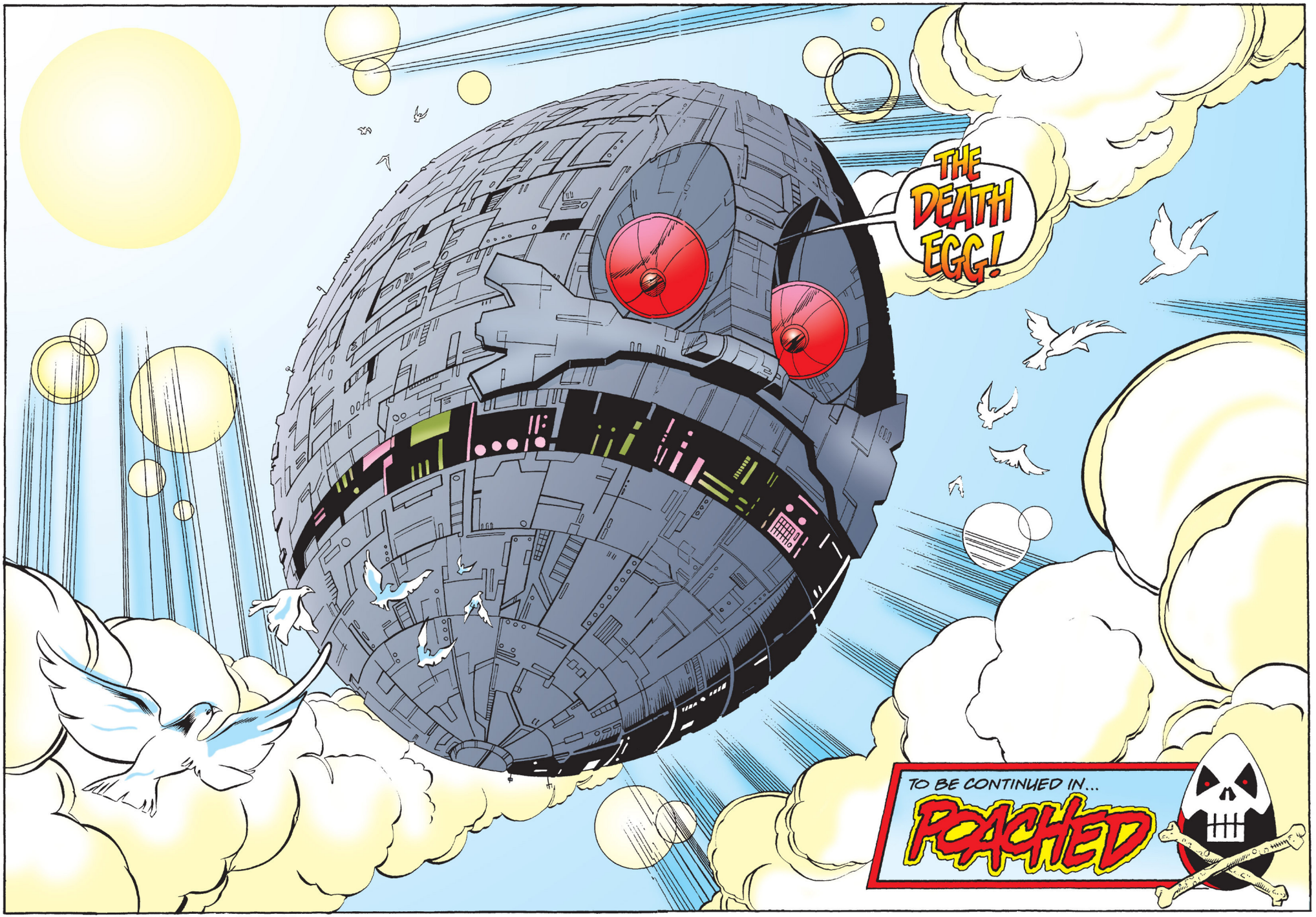
MEANWHILE...
I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SPOT CARL CONDOR FROM THIS OUTCROPPING... UNLESS OL' EAGLE EYES SPOTS ME FIRST!
SCREECH!
HELLO!
HELLO
HELLO
HELLO
OWW--WHAT'S WITH THE SUN? I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE DUE FOR A SOLAR ECLIPSE!


Hmmm--I'M SURE ROTOR WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS AND MENTIONED IT TO ME.
BESIDES WHICH, THERE'S SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT ABOUT THE OBJECT PASSING IN FRONT OF THE SUN,,, IF I COULD JUST GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT!
THAT SURE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A HEAVENLY BODY.
VWHOOSH!
IT ALMOST LOOKS OVAL SHAPED! LIKE A HUGE, FLOATING-- WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
VWHOOSH!
NOW WHAT? ANOTHER SHAPE MOVING ACROSS MY FIELD OF VISION-- BUT MUCH FASTER,,,
VWHOOSH


KIYAAA! YOU'RE DOOMED, HEDGEHOG!
VWHOOSH!
WHAT THE--?! IT'S CARL CONDOR... BUT HE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED!
OUT OF HIS ELEMENT AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED FROM SQUINTING AT THE SUN, THE BATTLE ENDS QUICKLY...
WHILE UP ABOVE, THE UNKNOWN OBJECT MOVING ACROSS THE SKY ALMOST SEEMS TO BE WATCHING!
APPARENTLY, IT LIKES WHAT IT SEES...
A LIFELESS SONIC BEING BORNE ALOFT IN THE MECHANICAL TALONS OF CARL CONDOR!


AT THAT MOMENT:
EXCELLENT! YOU OPERATED THE INTAKE TUBE QUITE WELL, SWATBOT, IT DRAINED THE GROTTO OF ITS REMAINING MAGIC RINGS--
--MORE THAN ENOUGH TO INITIATE "OPERATION OPERATIONAL"!
THANK YOU, GROUND ROUND ONE,
BUT WHAT'S THIS? YOU FAILED TO DISCONTINUE INGESTION AFTER REMOVING IT FROM THE WATER! AS A RESULT, SEVERAL TONS OF DEBRIS WERE TAKEN ABOARD THIS VESSEL!
THIS EXCESS WEIGHT AND THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO SEPARATE IT FROM THE RINGS WILL DELAY MY SCHEDULE!
;ULP;- I ONLY MEANT TO BE THOROUGH!
YOU'RE NOT THOROUGH-- YOU'RE THROUGH!
KTANG!
DOWN THE GARBAGE CHUTE YOU GO-- JOIN THE REST OF THE TRASH!


BAH! I DON'T NEED ANY MINDLESS MECHANICAL MINION TO ASSIST ME! THIS PEN-ULTIMATE MOMENT BELONGS TO IVO ROBOTNIK ALONE!
THE COUNT-DOWN TO MY FINAL VICTORY HAS BEGUN!
SOON, EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED!
AND I SHALL WATCH EVERY DASTARDLY DELICIOUS MOMENT FROM UP HERE--PERCHED HIGH ABOVE THE DOOMED WORLD IN THIS, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION...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TO BE CONTINUED IN...
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